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REMARKS

In the Office Action Summary, all twenty (20) claims in the application as filed were indicated as being rejected. However, in the Detailed Action, the Examiner only made reference to claims 1-16. Since claims 17-20 were not rejected on their merit, it is assumed that they are allowable as filed.

As to claims 1-16, they were rejected in the Office Action on the grounds of an obviousness-type double patenting rejection in view of the Applicant's co-pending Application No. 10/707,388.

In response, a Terminal Disclaimer is being filed herewith which overcomes and obviates such double-patenting rejection.

Further, the Applicant is concurrently filing a new IDS for the Examiner's review and consideration.

Finally, it is submitted that all of the claims in the case, namely claims 1-20, are in proper form and patentably distinguish from the prior art. Accordingly, allowance of all of the claims and passage of the applicant to issuance are respectfully solicited.

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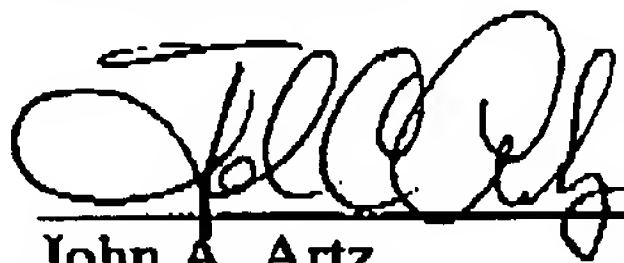
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